



Robert Wood

June 22, 1951 - May 12, 2024

Robert "Bob" James Wood, a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, passed away at the age of 72 on May 12th, 2024 after a brief illness. Born on June 22, 1951, in Waukegan, Illinois, to Robert D. Wood and Jean W. (Purvis) Wood, he grew up in Lake Bluff, Illinois and graduated from Lake Forest High School in 1969.

His duty to country started in 1969 for the Federal Bureau of Investigations. In 1977, he enlisted in the Air Force and retired as a Master Sergeant after 20 years of service in 1997. He continued to serve his country for another 19 years in the Defense Threat Reduction Agency before retiring in 2016. After retirement he moved to Arizona with his wife, Darcy. Bob found another purpose and volunteered with Rescue a Golden of Arizona and became the Director of Golden Rescue and the International Rescue Coordinator. He developed new partnerships with other rescue organizations to save Golden Retrievers from puppy mills in various states.

Bob is survived by his wife of 9 years Darcy (Johnson) Wood; children Dawn (Kenneth) Dunlavy; Courtney (Dave) Dent; Stacy DePauw; and Heather Wood; grandchildren, Haley (Kade) Krolow; Sydney (Shreve) Bletsch; Emma Shreve; Paige Dunlavy; Kenneth Dunlavy III; Noelle Dent; and Eden Dent; great grandchildren, Cynthia Bletsch; and Kendil Bletsch; sisters, Carol (Gibbs) Meredith; and Sandy (Wood) Sliozis; and extended family and friends.

He will be known, loved and missed for his sense of humor, his love of family history, patriotism, admiration of antique cars, and dedication to his family.

Funeral will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia at a later date. A Celebration of Life will be held in Arizona Traditions in Surprise, Arizona this fall. In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Bob's memory can be made to Rescue a Golden of Arizona and Canine Companions.

Tribute Wall



“ *R.I.P. Robert "Bob" Wood*

John D. De Pauw - May 29, 2024 at 12:57 PM